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City of Belmont

City Manager's Weekly Update

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Upcoming Meetings:

Nov.	18 th	Planning Commission Meeting (agenda)
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Executive Summary

Belmont General Plan Update

Community Visioning Workshop #1 – November 12, 2014, at Belmont City Hall, Draws Community Involvement.



The first community workshop for the City of Belmont General Plan Update was held on the evening of Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at Belmont City Hall with great success. Over 60 members of the Belmont community, including youth and numerous elected and appointed officials, came to share their vision for the city.

After a presentation on the General Plan Update purpose and process, the attendees participated in several individual and group activities. The participants responded to

Belmont's Vision Statement with affirmations or suggested changes on Post-It notes, and they illustrated mock magazine covers for the year 2035 with a headline capturing Belmont's extraordinary achievements.

In small groups, participants discussed the challenges that Belmont will face in the coming years to achieving the visions for 2035. Ultimately, through these activities, participants confirmed the vision and guiding principles for the city, explored the long-range vision for Belmont, and provided input on major planning issues to be addressed in the General Plan Update.



In the next stage of this process, a summary report on the workshop and its findings will be produced, and the General Plan Update team will begin writing about issues and possible policy directions in Working Papers.

General Plan Update Website: [General Plan Update](#)



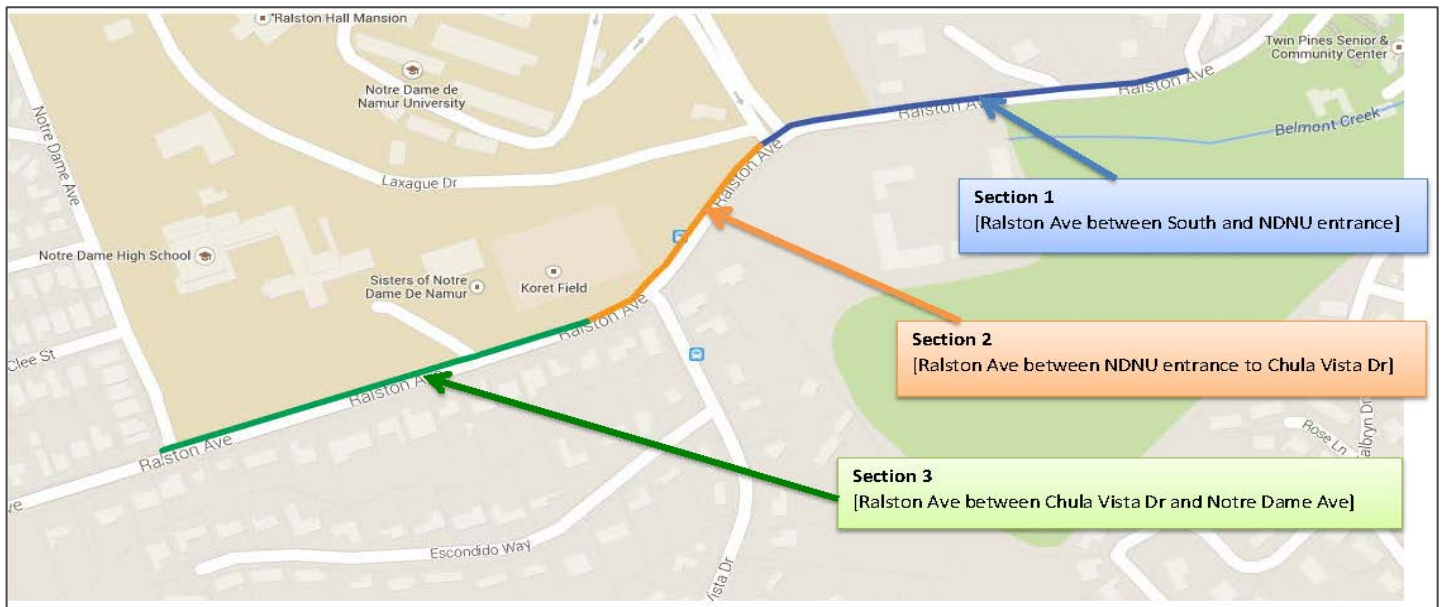
RALSTON AVENUE SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Express Plumbing, the contractor for the sewer replacement project, continued with the construction work this week. 800' of pipe was fused together and brought to the site in front of the NDNU entrance on Thursday morning. Ralston Avenue was temporary closed between 5 am to 6:30 am during the staging of the pipe. Signage and traffic control were provided and police officers were onsite to help in directing traffic. The roadway was reopened a half-hour earlier than scheduled and no major traffic impacts were observed.

The installation of this pipe using directional boring on the north side of Ralston Avenue between South Road and the Notre Dame de Namur driveway is the first of the three stages for the project, and is proceeding until its completion. Next week, the contractor will continue modifying the manholes and reconnecting the private sewer laterals for this stage of the project. Weather permitting, preparation for Stage Two will begin late next week.

Traffic control will continue to be in place. Two lanes on Ralston Avenue will be open at all times. However, due to magnitude of work, commuters shall expect some delays. For additional information, please contact Public Works at 650-595-7425 or visit the [project webpage](#). A video of this unique installation and photos of the project follow.

During the course of construction, there will be heavy equipment staging along Ralston Avenue. The center lane or travel lanes will be reduced to one lane in each direction within this project location and there will be an overall impact on traffic circulation in the area. Commuters should anticipate some traffic delays during the construction hours of 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Weather permitting, the project is anticipated to be complete by mid-December.

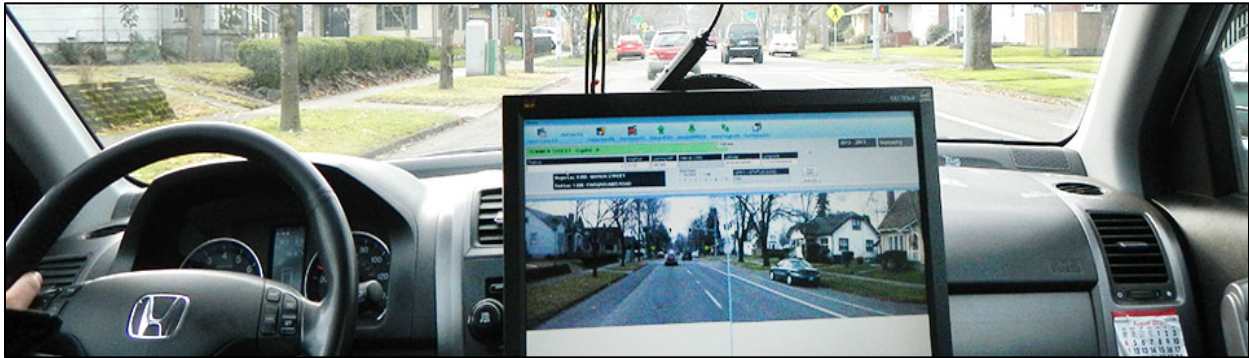


Check out the [video](#)





City Receives Another Round of Pavement Grants - FY 15 Pavement Condition Assessment is Moving Forward



The City has received a grant from the [Metropolitan Transportation Commission's](#) (MTC) Pavement Management Technical Assistance Program (P-TAP) 15 in the amount of \$21,000 (of which 20% was matched by the City). P-TAP 15 funding will assist the City in measuring the condition of the streets, and updating the database of City street conditions.



Pavement distress field survey is anticipated to start on November 17th through November 21st. Early morning inspections will occur since these are the best times to evaluate the major (busy) streets such as Ralston Avenue for safety reasons, and not to impact traffic. Please be advised that equipment includes a vehicle that will have strobe lights on and the words "Pavement Distress Survey - Frequent Stops Do Not Follow" on the rear. One person will be driving slowly, and another person will be inspecting the roadway with a safety vest on.

This data will be used to update Belmont's Pavement Management System, and recommended project list. The data will also be used to prepare reports required by MTC. P-TAP provides Bay Area jurisdictions with assistance and expertise in implementing and maintaining a Pavement Management Program, primarily through the MTC StreetSaver program software. StreetSaver is a valuable organizational tool, which is used in conjunction with professional judgment, familiarity with local conditions not considered by the program, and Council direction in programing the City's pavement maintenance and reconstruction.

Previously the City applied for P-TAP 13 during the Fiscal 2011-2012 and was approved for funding in December of 2011. P-TAP 13 funding assisted the City in measuring the condition of City Streets, and updating the database of City Street conditions (you can see the report [here](#).)

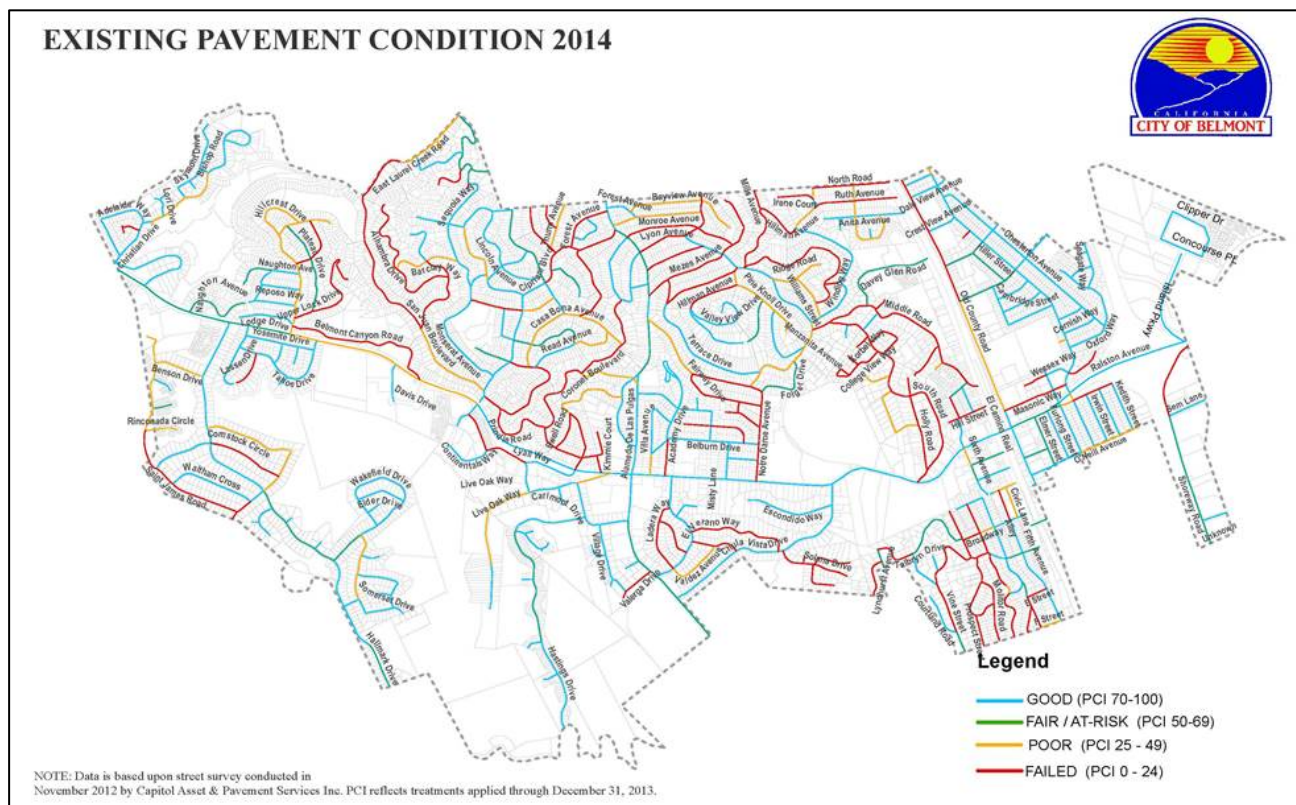
Through P-TAP 15, MTC has hired Capitol Asset & Pavement Services, Inc. to assess and measure the condition of City Streets, and update the database of the [City Pavement Condition Index](#) (PCI). This data will be used to update Belmont's Pavement Management System, identify funding scenarios for various level of service (based on varying funding scenarios) and recommend priority project list for the City's annual CIP implementation. The data will also be used to prepare reports required by MTC, and assist the City in managing its pavement infrastructure programming by providing accurate pavement condition data to inform funding pavement maintenance and support in engineering design for pavement preservation projects.

To learn more about the City's pavement management program you can visit our [Streets and Roads webpage](#).



You can also view the recent Local Streets and Roads Update released on Oct. 28th released by Metropolitan Transportation Commission [here](#).

Those interested in a deeper look at the challenges facing the region's local street and road network are invited to view MTC's multimedia piece entitled ["Street Fight: The Ongoing Battle for Better Bay Area Pavement."](#)





Sewer Division

- Inspected and cleaned 11 sewer pump stations
- The service truck (205) responded to 17 service calls
- Jetted (cleaned) 3,076 feet of sewer main
- Videoed 1,131 feet of sewer main
- Cleaned flushable wipes from debris catcher in Ralston Ranch Pump Station
- Videoed 2 private service laterals per resident request
- Staff removed an H2S gas detector monitor out of a manhole and shipped it to contractor for assessment

Storm Division

- Swept 86 miles of roadway resulting in the acquisition of 8.61 tons of debris
- Performed weekly inspection of Water Dog Lake dam, dock, roadway, and v-ditch
- Inspected and cleaned 2 Storm Pump Stations
- Performed Wet Weather Storm Pump Station inspections

Traffic Operations

- Weekly visual inspections for preventative maintenance of intersections
- Visual inspection of lighted crosswalks
- Fabricated 12 signs
- Banners: 1 down & 1 up
- Repaired 15 streetlights
- Performed annual maintenance on 2 automatic transfer switches
- Repaired detection loops on Continentals
- Replaced Detection loops on Alameda de las Pulgas
- Stop sign inventory audit – 17% complete
- Manufacture and install phase diagrams for all city owned traffic signal cabinets
- Update all traffic signal inventory books
- Create 5 Chainsaw Safety Booklets

Streets Division

- Marked out 9 locations for Underground Service Alerts
- Sawcut at 2 locations in preparation for paving
- Dug out 1.64 tons of asphalt in front of 816 Anita Avenue
- Applied 2 tons of asphalt in front of 816 Anita Avenue in 2 lifts
- Reset and pinned 2 traffic plates in front of 1581 Molitor Road

**Rain Barrel Rebate Program**

The San Mateo County Water Pollution Prevention Program has partnered with Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency to provide San Mateo County residents with a rebate up to \$100 for a rain barrel.

Rain barrels help reduce water runoff that carries contaminants such as copper from roof gutters, vehicle oils, and other pollutants that make their way into the stormdrain system. They also provide a supplemental water supply for your landscaping and gardening.

For information on finding, installing and other helpful rain barrel resources including rebate information, visit Flowstobay or BAWSCA.

A graphic for a rain barrel rebate program. It features a close-up of a white rain barrel with a black downspout attached to its side. Water is flowing from the downspout into the barrel. The background is a blurred green lawn with some trees. Overlaid on the image is the text "Worried about the drought?" at the top, followed by "Save Water. Prevent Pollution. Install a Rain Barrel. Get a Rebate of up to \$100." in the center, and "For more information, visit www.flowstobay.org" at the bottom.

Worried about the drought?

**Save Water.
Prevent Pollution.
Install a Rain Barrel.
Get a Rebate of up to \$100.**

For more information, visit www.flowstobay.org

PASS

FACILITY NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____

This facility was inspected by the San Mateo County Environmental Health Division in accordance with the California Retail Food Code and has satisfactorily PASSED.

Inspected by: _____ on _____ DATE: _____
 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST

Heather Forshey, MS, REHS
 Director of Environmental Health
 COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

To view inspection results
scc.sanmateohealth.org/foodinspection

A COPY OF THE MOST RECENT INSPECTION REPORT IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW UPON REQUEST AT THIS LOCATION.

PREVIOUS INSPECTION RESULT ON _____ DATE: _____

☒ PASS ☐ CLOSED ☐ Not Applicable

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO Environmental Health Division
 2000 Avenue of the Sages, 3rd Floor, San Mateo, CA 94403-1000 • (650) 574-2200 ext. 200 • www.sanmateohealth.org

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 San Mateo County Ordinance Code Section 22A.00000

San Mateo County proposing new food safety sign system

A new food safety sign system is proposed to begin January 2016. Using familiar traffic light colors, green, yellow and red signs, called placards, will be displayed as a simple way for the public to see how a restaurant has scored on their food safety inspection.

San Mateo County Environmental Health Services is here to help make the transition to the proposed placards system easy. First, they want your feedback! Please attend one of the following information sessions to learn more about the proposed changes and provide feedback.

11/17/14 | 2:00 – 3:00 pm
East Palo Alto City Hall
Community Room Room 100
2415 University Avenue
East Palo Alto

11/18/14 | 8:30 – 9:30 am
San Mateo County Health System
225 37th Avenue
San Mateo

Fill-It-Yourself Sandbag Stations



Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

City Hall
 One Twin Pines Lane (rear parking lot)

Belmont Corp Yard
 110 Sem Lane

Fire Station 15
 2701 Cipriani

Residents may obtain up to 10 bags per Belmont address.



For more information contact Public Works @ 650-595-7425



Parks and Recreation



New Shade Structure and Sandbox

Belmont Parks and Recreation's Community Learning Center has a new shade structure and sandbox. This is a great addition to the facility and students will be able to enjoy the new play area and be protected from the sun. Soon the area will receive a new pathway, entrance gate and trees. Beautiful improvements to an active playground that is safe, well maintained and fun!



V.O.I.C.E.S. – Contribute to Belmont's General Plan Discussion

Members of V.O.I.C.E.S. attended Belmont's 2035 General Plan meeting. Youth participated in the visioning process with other Belmont residents and contributed the perspective of a younger generation. V.O.I.C.E.S. encourages other youth to let their ideas be heard and attend the next General Plan meeting.





BELMONT
PARKS & RECREATION'S

Annual Holiday Craft Faire

2014



SATURDAY & SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 22 & 23
10AM - 4PM

Location:

TWIN PINES PARK
Twin Pines Lane, Belmont,
CA 94002

- Twin Pines SENIOR & COMMUNITY CENTER
- Twin Pines LODGE,
- Twin Pines MANOR
- Twin Pines COTTAGE

Great gifts for your family and friends! Our annual faire features local artists and craftpersons offering a wide selection of holiday gifts and decorations. Lovely handmade items, items for the home and more will be available for purchase. Bring the whole family!



- Free admission
- Free parking
- Live entertainment

 Parks & Recreation
(650) 595-7441

"Enhancing the quality of life for the community."
www.belmont.gov parksrec@belmont.gov

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR MPWD CUSTOMERS

Let's Go for 20%

MPWD customers have answered the call to conserve water in response to the statewide emergency drought. Thanks to you, we have exceeded our initial goal of 10% water conservation for 2014. Working together and being water wise, *we have saved 15.9%* so far!*

On the heels of the SWRCB*** emergency water savings regulations, MPWD has adopted additional mandatory water conservation measures:

- ✓ **No outdoor landscape watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.**
- ✓ **20% reduction in outdoor irrigation**



MID-PENINSULA
WATER DISTRICT

10%

INITIAL 2014 WATER
CONSERVATION GOAL

15.9%

2014 CUMULATIVE
WATER SAVINGS*

18.7%

SEPTEMBER 2014
WATER SAVINGS**

20%

WE CAN DO IT!

* Compared to 2013

** Compared to September 2013

*** State Water Resources Control Board

Let's Keep the Momentum and Go Further!

new

Rain Barrel Rebate Program!!!

In partnership with the San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program (a program of the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County), BAWSCA and MPWD are offering rebates of up to \$100 per rain barrel for the purchase and installation of qualifying rain barrels. For more details, please visit:

► www.midpeninsulawater.org/rain-barrel



Please contact us with any questions:
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Community Calendars

Twin Pines Community Center

Twin Pines Senior & Community Center ~ November 2014 ~					Center Open Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4pm
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
3 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Simmons Aerobics 9:30 Italian Chat 10:00 Spanish Chat 1:00 Book Group 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Sit N' Be Fit Video	4 9:00 Mindful Meditation 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Gentle Tai Chi (S) 10:00 Music Appreciation 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:00 Canasta 12:15 Classic Movie 12:30 Needlecrafts Group	5 8:45 Strength Training 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Simmons Aerobics 10:00 Spanish Class 10:30 Zumba Gold (R) 11:30 German Class 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 New Movie 12:30 Pinochle/Hearts	6 9:00 Garden Club 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Canasta 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 Wii Bowling 12:30 Bridge 1:00 Art Group. Drop in! 2:00 History Group	7 9:30 Yoga w/ Adriana 11:00 Mandarin Conversation 1:00 Go 4 Life Fitness Video 1:00 BINGO 1:30 Mahjong	<i>*Some activities are drop-in, some require Signing up (S), some require Registration with Parks & Recreation (R)</i> <i>*Activities are subject to change. Please call 595-7444 to confirm.</i>
10 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Simmons Aerobics 10:00 Ukulele Sing Along 9:30 Italian Chat 10:00 Spanish Chat 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Sit N' Be Fit Video	11  Closed for Veterans Day	12 8:45 Strength Training 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Simmons Aerobics 10:00 Spanish Class 10:30 Zumba Gold (R) 11:30 German Class 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 New Movie 12:30 Pinochle/Hearts	13 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Canasta 11:30 Birthday Lunch (S) 12:15 Wii Bowling 12:30 Bridge 1:00 Art Group. Drop in! 2:00 History Group	14 9:00 AARP Smart Driver Course 9:30 Yoga w/ Adriana 10:00 Easy Craft Class 11:00 Mandarin Conversation 1:00 Go 4 Life Fitness Video 1:30 Ping Pong!	
17 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Simmons Aerobics 9:30 Italian Chat 10:00 Spanish Chat 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Sit N' Be Fit Video	18 9:00 Blood Pressure Clinic 9:00 AARP Smart Driver Course 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Gentle Tai Chi (S) 10:00 Senior Club Meeting 10:00 Music Appreciation 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:00 Canasta 12:15 Classic Movie 12:30 Needlecrafts Group	19 8:45 Strength Training 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Simmons Aerobics 10:00 Spanish Class 10:30 Zumba Gold (R) 11:30 German Class 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 New Movie 12:30 Pinochle/Hearts	20 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Canasta 11:30 Thanksgiving Lunch 12:15 Wii Bowling 12:30 Bridge 1:00 Art Group. Drop in! 2:00 History Group	21 9:30 Yoga w/ Adriana 11:00 Mandarin Conversation 1:00 Go 4 Life Fitness Video 1:00 Raspberry Pi 1:00 BINGO 1:30 Mahjong 2:00 Futurists 3:00 Writer's Workshop	~ Annual Holiday Craft Fair! Nov 22-23 Sat & Sun 10am-4pm ~
24 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Simmons Aerobics 10:00 Stamp Collectors 10:00 Opinion Exchange w/ Jim Dunbar 10:00 Italian Chat 10:00 Spanish Chat 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Sit N' Be Fit Video	25 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Gentle Tai Chi (S) 10:00 Music Appreciation 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:00 Canasta 12:15 Foreign Film 12:30 Needlecrafts Group	26 8:45 Strength Training 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Simmons Aerobics 10:00 Spanish Class 10:30 Zumba Gold (R) 11:30 German Class 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 New Movie 12:30 Pinochle/Hearts	 Closed for Thanksgiving		

Belmont Public Library

November 2014

At the Belmont Library

<http://www.facebook.com/smcblbelmont>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		KEY Red: Children's/Family Green: Teen Black: Adult Blue: All Ages	 Belmont Library <small>A SAN MATEO COUNTY LIBRARY</small> <small>1110 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont CA 94002 • 650.591.8288 • www.smccl.org</small>			1 * 10:30a Uke Storytime * 11:00a Imagination Playground
2	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 10:30a Baby Storytime * 3:30p Lego Club * 3:30p Art Experimentation 	4 * 7:00a Election Day * 10:30a Musical Storytime * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 3:30p Kids' Craft Club * 7:00p Lawyers in the Library 	5 * 10:30a Comp. Class: Google Drive * 3:30p Teen Gaming * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Club * 7:00p Pajama Storytime * 7:00p 1st Wed. Bk Grp : <i>The Sun Also Rises</i> by Ernest Hemingway	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 10:30a Toddler Storytime * 3:30p Imagination Playground 	7 * 10:30a Pres. Storytime * 11:15a Russian Storytime * 4:00p Science Club * 7:00p First Friday Flicks: <i>Mr. Peabody and Sherman</i> (PG, 92 min)	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 2:00p Basket Weaving: A Craft for Adults 
9	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 10:30a Baby Storytime * 3:30p Lego Club * 3:30p Food Tasting 	11 <div>LIBRARY CLOSED</div> 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 10:30a Computer Coach * 3:30p Teen Gaming * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Club * 7:00p Pajama Storytime 	13 * 10:30a Toddler Storytime * 2:00p Mystery Book Group: <i>Iron Lake</i> by Wm Kent Kruger * 4:00p TAG Meeting * 3:30p Imagination Playground * 7:00p Culture Vs. Copyright with Author Anatoly Volynets	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 10:30a Pres. Storytime * 11:15a Russian Storytime * 4:00p Science Club * 6:30p Teen Open Mic 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 10:30a Uke Storytime * 11:00a Imagination Playground
16	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 10:30a Baby Storytime * 12:00p Senior Health Talk: Coping with the Holidays * 3:30p Lego Club * 3:30p Sherlock Party 	18 * 10:30a Musical St. * 11:00a Imagination Play. * 12:00p Author Talk with Maria Duenas * 3:30p Kids' Craft Club * 6:30p Paws for Tales * 6:30p College Essay Workshop	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 10:30a Comp. Class: Freegal Music * 3:30p Teen Gaming * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Club * 7:00p Pajama Storytime 	20 * 10:30a Toddler Storytime * 3:30p Imagination Playground * 3:30p Words for Worms Teen Bk Club: <i>The Normal Heart</i> by Larry Kramer	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 10:30a Pres. Storytime * 11:15a Russian Storytime * 4:00p Science Club * 7:00p Adult Film: <i>The Savages</i> with Philip Seymour Hoffman 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 2:00p Roboto Picasso 
23	24 * 10:30a Baby Storytime * 12:30p Intl Book Grp: <i>The Devotion of Suspect X</i> by Keigo Higashino * 3:30p Lego Club * 3:30p Movie: <i>Catching Fire</i> * 6:30p Pub Style Trivia <div>30</div>	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 10:30a Musical Storytime * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 3:30p Kids' Craft Club 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 10:30a Computer Coach * 3:30p Teen Gaming <div>LIBRARY CLOSING AT 5:00p</div>	27 <div>LIBRARY CLOSED</div> 	28 <div>LIBRARY CLOSED</div> 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 10:00a SAT Practice * 10:30a Uke Storytime * 11:00a Imagination Playground